

Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan, shall apply to any person who makes application for a permit to conduct underground coal mining operations.

§ 905.785 Requirements for permits for special categories of mining.

Part 785 of this chapter, *Requirements for Permits for Special Categories of Mining*, shall apply to any person who makes application for a permit to conduct certain categories of surface coal mining and reclamation operations as specified therein.

§ 905.795 Small operator assistance program.

Part 795 of this chapter, *Small Operator Assistance Program*, shall apply to any person making application for assistance under the small operator assistance program.

§ 905.800 Bond and insurance requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations under regulatory programs.

(a) Part 800 of this chapter, *Bond and Insurance Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Under Regulatory Programs*, shall apply to all surface coal mining and reclamation operations, except for § 800.40(a)(1) regarding the bond release application, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes and except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.

(b) The permittee may file an application with the regulatory authority for the release of all or part of a performance bond. The application shall be filed no later than 30 days prior to the end of the vegetation growing season in order to evaluate properly the completed reclamation operations. The appropriate season for evaluating reclaimed operations shall be identified in the mining and reclamation plan required by subchapter G of this chapter approved by the regulatory authority.

(c) The following bonds are acceptable for compliance with the California Federal Program.

- (1) A surety bond;
- (2) A collateral bond;
- (3) A self-bond; or
- (4) A combination of these bonding methods.

(d) A permittee may replace existing bonds with other bonds that provide equivalent coverage.

§ 905.815 Performance standards—Coal exploration.

Part 815 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Coal Exploration*, shall apply to any person who conducts coal exploration.

§ 905.816 Performance standards—Surface mining activities.

(a) Part 816 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Surface Mining Activities*, shall apply to any person who conducts surface mining activities, except for § 816.116(a)(1) regarding revegetation success standards, for which paragraph (c) of this section substitutes.

(b) All operators shall comply with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, Cal. Pub. Res. Code section 13000 *et seq.*; the California Water Code section 1200 *et seq.*; the California Air Pollution Control Laws, Cal. Health & Safety Code section 39000 *et seq.*; the Hazardous Waste Control Law, Cal. Health & Safety Code section 25100 *et seq.*; the State Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances Law, Cal. Health & Safety Code section 25280 *et seq.*; the Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act of 1972, Cal. Gov. Code section 66770 *et seq.*; the California Environmental Quality Act, Cal. Pub. Res. Code section 21000; the California Coastal Act of 1976, Cal. Pub. Res. Code section 30000 *et seq.*; the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, Cal. Pub. Res. Code section 4511 *et seq.*; the California Public Resources Code section 4656; and regulations promulgated pursuant to these laws.

(c) Standards for success shall be those identified in § 816.116(a)(2) of this chapter. Statistically valid sampling techniques for measuring success shall be included in the mining and reclamation plan, and approved by the regulatory authority.

§ 905.817 Performance standards—Underground mining activities.

(a) Part 817 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Underground Mining Activities*, shall